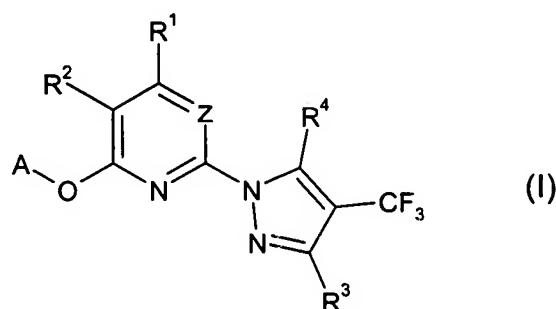


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

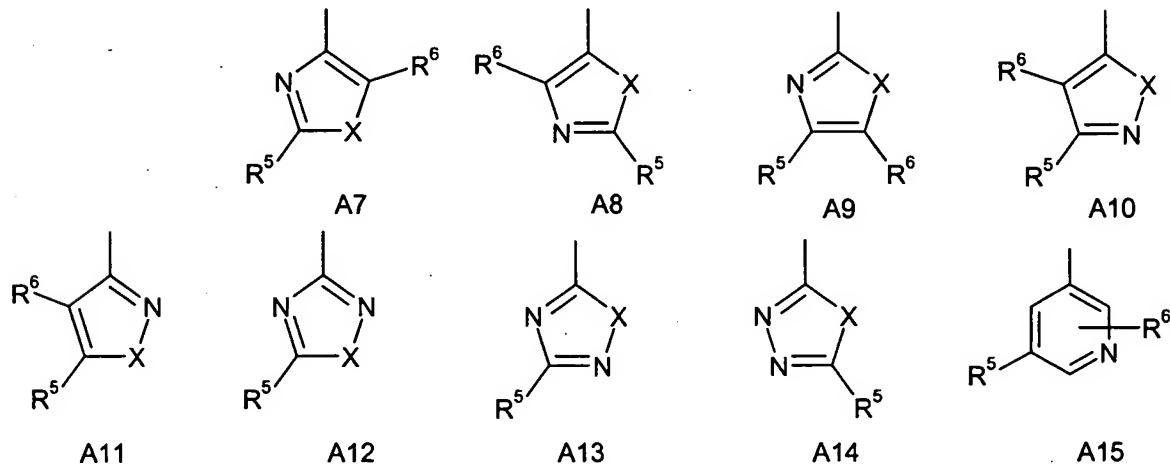
Claim 1 (previously presented): A compound of the formula (I) or an N-oxide or salt thereof,



in which the radicals and indices have the following definitions:

Z is N or CR⁸;

A is a radical from the group A7 to A15:



R¹ and R² independently are each hydrogen, halogen, cyano, isocyano, OH, COOR¹⁰, COR¹⁰, CH₂OH, CH₂SH, CH₂NH₂, NO₂, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₃-C₆)-cycloalkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, halogen-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, (C₁-C₂)-alkoxy-(C₁-C₂)-alkyl, (C₂-C₄)-alkenyl, (C₂-C₄)-alkynyl, (C₃-C₄)-alkenyloxy, (C₃-C₄)-alkynyoxy, (C₁-C₂)-alkylthio-(C₁-C₂)-alkyl, S(O)_nR⁹, (C₁-C₂)-alkylsulfonyl-(C₁-C₂)-alkyl, NH₂, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl-NH, (C₁-C₃)-alkyl-CO-NH, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl-SO₂NH or di-(C₁-C₄)-alkylamino;

R³ and R⁴ independently are each hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy or halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy;

R⁵ is halogen, cyano, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkylthio, (C₃-C₅)-cycloalkyl, halo-(C₃-C₅)-cycloalkyl, SF₅, S(O)_nR⁹, (C₂-C₄)-alkenyl or (C₂-C₄)-alkynyl;

R⁶ is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy or S(O)_nR⁹;

R⁸ is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, hydroxy, amino, (C₁-C₄)-alkylamino, (C₁-C₃)-alkylcarbonylamino, (C₁-C₄)-alkylsulfonylamino, di-(C₁-C₄)-alkylamino or S(O)_nR⁹;

R⁹ is hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl or halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl;

R¹⁰ is hydrogen or (C₁-C₄)-alkyl;

X is oxygen or sulfur; and

n is 0, 1 or 2.

Claim 2 (Original): A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein Z is CR⁸.

Claim 3 (Original): A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein R³ and R⁴ independently are each hydrogen, halogen, methyl, methoxy or trifluoromethyl.

Claim 4 (Original): A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein

R¹ is hydrogen, halogen, methoxy, methyl or ethyl, and

R² is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, cyano, ethynyl, vinyl or formyl.

Claim 5 (Original): A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein R³ and R⁴ independently are each hydrogen or methyl.

Claim 6 (Original): A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein R⁸ is hydrogen, halogen or (C₁-C₄)-alkyl.

Claim 7 (Original): A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein R⁵ is halogen, cyano, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy or halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkylthio.

Claim 8 (Original): A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein R⁶ is hydrogen or methyl.

Claim 9 (Original): A herbicidal composition comprising a herbicidally effective amount of at least one compound of the formula (I) as claimed in claim 1.

Claim 10 (Original): A herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 9 in a mixture with formulating auxiliaries.

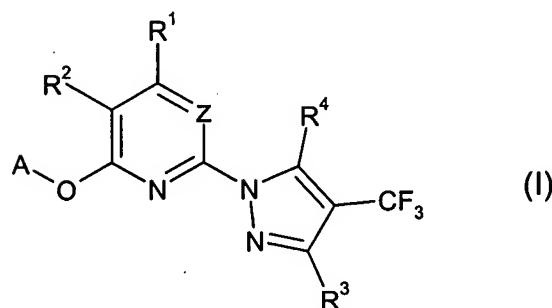
Claim 11 (previously presented): A method of controlling unwanted plants, which comprises applying an effective amount of at least one compound of the formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 to the plants or to the site of the unwanted plant growth.

Claim 12 (Canceled).

Claim 13 (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the compound of the formula (I) is used to control unwanted plants in crops of useful plants.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the useful plants are transgenic.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A compound of the formula (I) or an N-oxide or salt thereof,

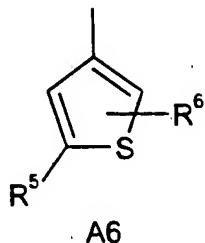


(I)

in which the radicals and indices have the following definitions:

Z is N

A is



R^1 and R^2 independently are each hydrogen, halogen, cyano, isocyano, OH, COOR^{10} , COR^{10} , CH_2OH , CH_2SH , CH_2NH_2 , NO_2 , (C_1 - C_4)-alkyl, halo-(C_1 - C_4)-alkyl, (C_3 - C_6)-cycloalkyl, (C_1 - C_4)-alkoxy, halogen-(C_1 - C_4)-alkoxy, (C_1 - C_2)-alkoxy-(C_1 - C_2)-alkyl, (C_2 - C_4)-alkenyl, (C_2 - C_4)-alkynyl, (C_3 - C_4)-alkenyloxy, (C_3 - C_4)-alkynyloxy, (C_1 - C_2)-alkylthio-(C_1 - C_2)-alkyl, $S(\text{O})_n\text{R}^9$, (C_1 - C_2)-alkylsulfonyl-(C_1 - C_2)-alkyl, NH_2 , (C_1 - C_4)-alkyl-NH, (C_1 - C_3)-alkyl-CO-NH, (C_1 - C_4)-alkyl- SO_2NH or di-(C_1 - C_4)-alkylamino;

R^3 and R^4 independently are each hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C_1 - C_4)-alkyl, halo-(C_1 - C_4)-alkyl, (C_1 - C_4)-alkoxy or halo-(C_1 - C_4)-alkoxy;

R^5 is halogen, cyano, (C_1 - C_4)-alkyl, halo-(C_2)-alkyl, halo-(C_3)-alkyl, halo-(C_4)-alkyl, (C_1 - C_4)-alkoxy, halo-(C_1 - C_4)-alkoxy, halo-(C_1 - C_4)-alkylthio, (C_3 - C_5)-cycloalkyl, halo-(C_3 - C_5)-cycloalkyl, SF_5 , $S(\text{O})_n\text{R}^9$, (C_2 - C_4)-alkenyl or (C_2 - C_4)-alkynyl;

R^6 is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C_1 - C_4)-alkyl, halo-(C_1 - C_4)-alkyl, (C_1 - C_4)-alkoxy, halo-(C_1 - C_4)-alkoxy or $S(\text{O})_n\text{R}^9$;

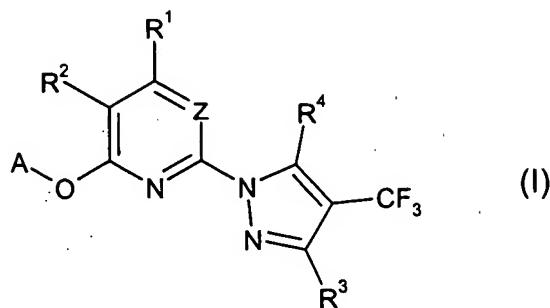
R^8 is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C_1 - C_4)-alkyl, (C_1 - C_4)-alkoxy, hydroxy, amino, (C_1 - C_4)-alkylamino, (C_1 - C_3)-alkylcarbonylamino, (C_1 - C_4)-alkylsulfonylamino, di-(C_1 - C_4)-alkylamino or $S(\text{O})_n\text{R}^9$;

R^9 is hydrogen, (C_1 - C_4)-alkyl or halo-(C_1 - C_4)-alkyl;

R^{10} is hydrogen or (C_1 - C_4)-alkyl; and

n is 0, 1 or 2.

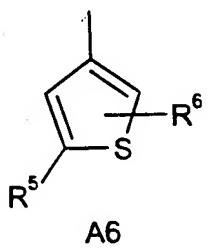
Claim 16 (currently amended): A compound of the formula (I) or an N-oxide or salt thereof,



in which the radicals and indices have the following definitions:

Z is N

A is



R¹ and R² independently are each hydrogen, halogen, cyano, isocyano, OH, COOR¹⁰, COR¹⁰, CH₂OH, CH₂SH, CH₂NH₂, NO₂, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₃-C₆)-cycloalkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, halogen-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, (C₁-C₂)-alkoxy-(C₁-C₂)-alkyl, (C₂-C₄)-alkenyl, (C₂-C₄)-alkynyl, (C₃-C₄)-alkenyloxy, (C₃-C₄)-alkynyloxy, (C₁-C₂)-alkylthio-(C₁-C₂)-alkyl, S(O)_nR⁹, (C₁-C₂)-alkylsulfonyl-(C₁-C₂)-alkyl, NH₂, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl-NH, (C₁-C₃)-alkyl-CO-NH, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl-SO₂NH or di-(C₁-C₄)-alkylamino;

R³ is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy or halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy;

R⁴ is halogen, cyano, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy or halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy;

R⁵ is halogen, cyano, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkylthio, (C₃-C₅)-cycloalkyl, halo-(C₃-C₅)-cycloalkyl, SF₅, S(O)_nR⁹, (C₂-C₄)-alkenyl or (C₂-C₄)-alkynyl;

R⁶ is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy or S(O)_nR⁹;

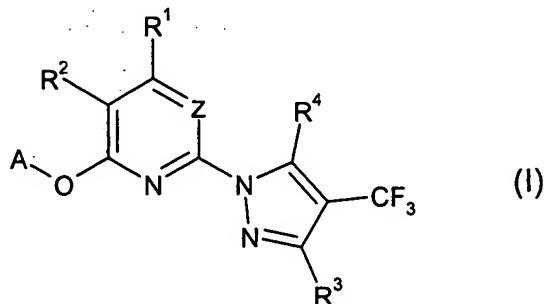
R^8 is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C_1-C_4) -alkyl, (C_1-C_4) -alkoxy, hydroxy, amino, (C_1-C_4) -alkylamino, (C_1-C_3) -alkylcarbonylamino, (C_1-C_4) -alkylsulfonylamino, di- (C_1-C_4) -alkylamino or $S(O)_nR^9$;

R^9 is hydrogen, (C_1-C_4) -alkyl or halo- (C_1-C_4) -alkyl;

R^{10} is hydrogen or (C_1-C_4) -alkyl; and

n is 0, 1 or 2.

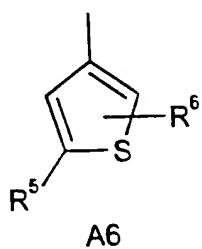
Claim 17 (currently amended): A compound of the formula (I) or an N-oxide or salt thereof,



in which the radicals and indices have the following definitions:

Z is N

A is



R^1 and R^2 independently are each hydrogen, halogen, cyano, isocyano, OH, $COOR^{10}$, COR^{10} , CH_2OH , CH_2SH , CH_2NH_2 , NO_2 , (C_1-C_4) -alkyl, halo- (C_1-C_4) -alkyl, (C_3-C_6) -cycloalkyl, (C_1-C_4) -alkoxy, halogen- (C_1-C_4) -alkoxy, (C_1-C_2) -alkoxy- (C_1-C_2) -alkyl, (C_2-C_4) -alkenyl, (C_2-C_4) -alkynyl, (C_3-C_4) -alkenyloxy, (C_3-C_4) -alkynyloxy, (C_1-C_2) -alkylthio- (C_1-C_2) -alkyl, $S(O)_nR^9$, (C_1-C_2) -alkylsulfonyl- (C_1-C_2) -alkyl, NH_2 , (C_1-C_4) -alkyl-NH, (C_1-C_3) -alkyl-CO-NH, (C_1-C_4) -alkyl-SO₂NH or di- (C_1-C_4) -alkylamino;

R^3 is halogen, cyano, (C_2)-alkyl, (C_3)-alkyl, (C_4)-alkyl, halo-(C_1-C_4)-alkyl, (C_1-C_4)-alkoxy or halo-(C_1-C_4)-alkoxy;

R^4 is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C_1-C_4)-alkyl, halo-(C_1-C_4)-alkyl, (C_1-C_4)-alkoxy or halo-(C_1-C_4)-alkoxy;

R^5 is halogen, cyano, (C_1-C_4)-alkyl, halo-(C_1-C_4)-alkyl, (C_1-C_4)-alkoxy, halo-(C_1-C_4)-alkoxy, halo-(C_1-C_4)-alkylthio, (C_3-C_5)-cycloalkyl, halo-(C_3-C_5)-cycloalkyl, SF_5 , $S(O)_nR^9$, (C_2-C_4)-alkenyl or (C_2-C_4)-alkynyl;

R^6 is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C_1-C_4)-alkyl, halo-(C_1-C_4)-alkyl, (C_1-C_4)-alkoxy, halo-(C_1-C_4)-alkoxy or $S(O)_nR^9$;

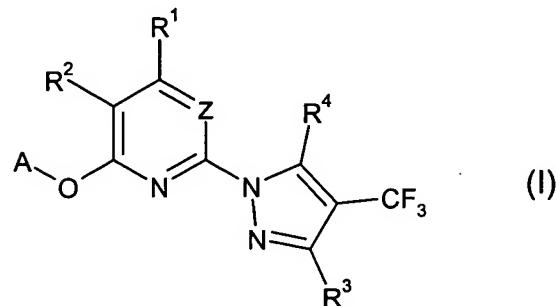
R^8 is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C_1-C_4)-alkyl, (C_1-C_4)-alkoxy, hydroxy, amino, (C_1-C_4)-alkylamino, (C_1-C_3)-alkylcarbonylaminio, (C_1-C_4)-alkylsulfonylamino, di-(C_1-C_4)-alkylamino or $S(O)_nR^9$;

R^9 is hydrogen, (C_1-C_4)-alkyl or halo-(C_1-C_4)-alkyl;

R^{10} is hydrogen or (C_1-C_4)-alkyl; and

n is 0, 1 or 2.

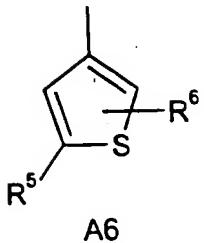
Claim 18 (currently amended): A compound of the formula (I) or an N-oxide or salt thereof,



in which the radicals and indices have the following definitions:

Z is N

A is



R¹ is isocyano, OH, COOH, CO₂CH₃, CO₂(C₃-alkyl), CO₂(C₄-alkyl), COH, COCH₃, CO(C₂-alkyl), CO(C₃-alkyl), CO(C₄-alkyl), CH₂OH, CH₂SH, CH₂NH₂, NO₂, (C₂)-alkyl, (C₃)-alkyl, (C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₂)-alkyl, halo-(C₃)-alkyl, halo-(C₄)-alkyl, (C₃-C₆)-cycloalkyl, (C₂)-alkoxy, (C₃)-alkoxy, (C₄)-alkoxy, halogen-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, (C₂)-alkoxy-(C₁-C₂)-alkyl, (C₁)-alkoxy-(C₂)-alkyl, (C₂-C₄)-alkenyl, (C₂-C₄)-alkynyl, (C₃-C₄)-alkenyloxy, (C₃-C₄)-alkynyloxy, (C₁-C₂)-alkylthio-(C₁-C₂)-alkyl, S(O)_nR⁹, (C₁-C₂)-alkylsulfonyl-(C₁-C₂)-alkyl, NH₂, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl-NH, (C₁-C₃)-alkyl-CO-NH, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl-SO₂NH or di-(C₁-C₄)-alkylamino;

R² is Br, F, cyano, isocyano, OH, COOR¹⁰, COR¹⁰, CH₂OH, CH₂SH, CH₂NH₂, NO₂, (C₃)-alkyl, (C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₂)-alkyl, halo-(C₃)-alkyl, halo-(C₄)-alkyl, (C₃-C₆)-cycloalkyl, (C₂)-alkoxy, (C₃)-alkoxy, (C₄)-alkoxy, halogen-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, (C₁-C₂)-alkoxy-(C₁-C₂)-alkyl, (C₂-C₄)-alkenyl, (C₂-C₄)-alkynyl, (C₃-C₄)-alkenyloxy, (C₃-C₄)-alkynyloxy, (C₁-C₂)-alkylthio-(C₁-C₂)-alkyl, S(O)_nR⁹, (C₁-C₂)-alkylsulfonyl-(C₁-C₂)-alkyl, NH₂, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl-NH, (C₁-C₃)-alkyl-CO-NH, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl-SO₂NH or di-(C₁-C₄)-alkylamino;

R³ and R⁴ independently are each hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy or halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy;

R⁵ is halogen, cyano, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkylthio, (C₃-C₅)-cycloalkyl, halo-(C₃-C₅)-cycloalkyl, SF₅, S(O)_nR⁹, (C₂-C₄)-alkenyl or (C₂-C₄)-alkynyl;

R⁶ is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy or S(O)_nR⁹;

R⁸ — is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, hydroxy, amino, (C₁-C₄)-alkylamino, (C₁-C₃)-alkylcarbonyl amino, (C₁-C₄)-alkylsulfonylamino, di-(C₁-C₄)-alkylamino or S(=O)_nR⁹;

R⁹ is hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl or halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl;

R¹⁰ is hydrogen or (C₁-C₄)-alkyl; and

n is 1 or 2.

Claim 19 (previously presented): A compound of claim 15, wherein R¹ and R² = H, R³ and R⁴ independently are each H or CH₃, R⁵ is F, Cl or cyano and R⁶ is H.

Claim 20 (canceled).

Claim 21 (canceled).

Claim 22 (canceled).